



Crop Report for September 21, 2008

Sixty-six per cent of the 2008 crop has been harvested, up from 39 per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2003-07) average is 63 per cent harvested. Harvesting is furthest advanced in the southwest where 73 per cent of operations are complete, and is least advanced in the northwest where 47 per cent of the crop is off. Most areas of the province experienced warm, dry weather the past week enabling producers to make significant progress.

Harvesting progress varies between the major crops. Spring wheat is at 64 per cent complete, durum at 67 per cent, canola at 57 per cent and lentils and peas are at 96 per cent complete. According to crop reporters, producers were pleased with the amount of harvest progress they achieved over the past seven days.

In addition to harvesting, some producers were busy seeding the last of the winter wheat and fall rye. Others were busy with post-harvest spraying and getting their winter feed supply baled and hauled.

There were reports of ergot damage in some of the crops harvested across the east side of the province.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 21, 2008

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Harvested		
	2008	2007	Average 2003-07	2008	2007	Average 2003-07
Winter wheat	1	4	8	98	95	88
Fall rye	1	3	6	91	97	88
Spring wheat	28	22	22	64	74	59
Durum	21	4	14	67	95	71
Oats	35	32	22	50	60	51
Barley	19	18	20	76	78	64
Triticale	5	7	13	51	91	65
Flax	26	25	18	16	51	37
Canola	41	26	37	57	74	58
Mustard	15	7	14	76	92	73
Sunflowers	0	1	4	0	2	3
Lentils	2	2	9	96	97	84
Peas	3	3	8	96	96	86
Canary seed	35	20	20	23	58	44
Chickpeas	9	8	8	35	90	60
Total	25	18	21	66	78	63

1 Year Ago

Seventy-eight per cent of the crop was harvested.

Cool, damp weather limited progress during the week.

Crop damage was mainly caused by weathering, wind, and frost.



South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ae)

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	92
Fall rye	100	97
Spring wheat	74	32
Durum	77	33
Oats	51	24
Barley	79	55
Triticale	65	50
Flax	19	4
Canola	68	45
Mustard	78	66
Sunflowers	0	22
Lentils	99	94
Peas	95	93
Canary seed	33	8
Chickpeas	68	59
Total	71	45

The south eastern region had good harvest weather this past week, as the weather was warm and almost no rain fell. Rural municipalities (RMs) 155 and 157 each had 1 mm of rain, while the remainder of the region did not receive any rain or only a trace of rain. Wind damage was reported across the area. Frost damage was reported in the RMs of 124 and 155. Migrating birds damaged some the crop in the Odessa area.

Seventy-one per cent of the 2008 south eastern crop has been harvested and a further 20% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Green second-growth is causing some problems in harvesting.

Some farmers are starting to wrap-up the harvest with the good week of weather.

Crop land moisture

conditions changed slightly this past week. Eighty per cent is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 86% last week. Conditions dropped from last week on hay and pasture land with 85% of the land rated as having adequate topsoil, down from 95%.

Grasshoppers damaged crops in the RMs of 36 and 65. Sawflies damaged crops in the RMs of 38, 39 and 99. Ergot has been reported in crops in the RMs of 38, 39 and 126.

Some post harvest spraying was taking place during the past week along with bale hauling and baling of straw.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	92
Fall rye	84	96
Spring wheat	62	32
Durum	67	29
Oats	60	52
Barley	82	58
Triticale	50	63
Flax	24	2
Canola	85	78
Mustard	88	70
Sunflowers	0	n/a
Lentils	96	83
Peas	99	97
Canary seed	19	7
Chickpeas	22	16
Total	73	49

The past week was dry in the southwest, which helped the harvest along. Almost the entire region did not receive any rain or

only a trace of rain. RM 51 had almost 1 mm of rain during the week. Weather related damage was due to wind, which was reported in the RMs of 71, 73 and 226. There were not any reports of frost damage in the southwest.

Seventy-three per cent of the 2008 south western crop has been combined and a further 14% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to decline with 72% of the crop land rated as adequate, down from 82%. Almost 57% of the hay and pasture land, down from 68%, rated as having adequate topsoil moisture.

Sawflies caused crop damage across the region, particularly in the RMs of 71, 73, 78, 79, 109, and 167. Badgers are reported to be a problem in one area of RM 76, creating concerns about damage to equipment.

Fall rye and winter wheat seeding continues in the region. Some post harvest spraying was done during the past week. Farmers are also baling oats and triticale.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was mostly dry with some reports of rain. The RMs of 211, 220, and 222 had 2 mm of rain with 221 having 2.5 mm. Frost damage

was reported in the RMs of 211, 246 and 340. Wind damaged crops in the RMs of 279, 284 and 337.

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	97	90
Fall rye	99	97
Spring wheat	60	18
Durum	52	18
Oats	46	16
Barley	78	49
Triticale	75	26
Flax	11	4
Canola	52	30
Mustard	67	33
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	95	84
Peas	96	87
Canary seed	10	1
Chickpeas	45	31
Total	60	34

Sixty per cent of the 2008 east central crop has been harvested and a further 33% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Grain is being dried in some cases. Hail damaged crops are still green in the region. Heavy dews prevent farmers from combining early in the morning.

Topsoil moisture conditions declined as cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 86% adequate, compared to 95% the previous week. On hay and pasture land, the adequate rating was 68%, compared to 80% the previous week.

Migrating ducks and geese damaged crops in the RMs of 245, 276, 277, 279, and 366. There was ergot damage reported in RMs 216 and 276.

The seeding of winter wheat continued during the week. There was also some baling, and bale hauling. There were reports of field fires in the Conquest area.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	96
Fall rye	100	99
Spring wheat	61	20
Durum	60	20
Oats	51	10
Barley	71	34
Triticale	43	20
Flax	13	1
Canola	70	42
Mustard	54	27
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	95	78
Peas	93	93
Canary seed	19	5
Chickpeas	62	44
Total	68	37

The west central region was warm and dry this past week. There was not any rain reported across the region during the previous week. There was frost damage reported in the RMs of 350, 379 and 410. Wind damaged crops in RM 284.

Sixty-seven per cent of the 2008 west central crop has been harvested and a further 25% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Some grain was coming off tough but is reported to be grading well.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week. Fifty-four per cent of the crop land is rated

as adequate, compared to 68% last week. On hay and pasture land 41% was rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 57% last week.

Ergot damage was reported in RM 318; there was sawfly damage in RM 350.

There was baling of straw for livestock during the week.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	91
Fall rye	97	92
Spring wheat	79	44
Durum	60	13
Oats	66	31
Barley	86	49
Triticale	60	40
Flax	15	0
Canola	63	29
Mustard	69	18
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	76	84
Peas	97	85
Canary seed	28	17
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	72	40

The north eastern region saw warm and dry weather in the past week. Almost the entire region did not receive any rain, except RM 398 which had 1 mm of rain. Wind damage was reported in the RMs of 372 and 457.

Seventy-two per cent of the 2008 north eastern crop has been harvested and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions are drier than last week. Fifty-five per cent of the crop land is rated as adequate, compared to 72% last week and 43% of the hay and pasture land is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 60% last week.

There was ergot reported in RMs of 457 and 458, near Tisdale.

Some farmers were baling straw for livestock this past week.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	89
Fall rye	100	69
Spring wheat	53	13
Durum	50	n/a
Oats	31	9
Barley	53	18
Triticale	10	0
Flax	15	4
Canola	33	16
Mustard	25	25
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	92	86
Canary seed	n/a	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	47	20

The north western region was dry this past week. Rain was not reported anywhere across the region. Frost damage was reported in the in RMs of 435, 501, and 622. Wind damage was reported in the RMs of 438, 467 and 501.

Forty-seven per cent of the 2008 north western crop has been combined and a further 30% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. The canola crops are not drying down as quickly as farmers would like.

Topsoil moisture conditions were drier during the past week. Sixty-two percent of the crop land was rated as adequate, compared to 81% last week. Forty-nine per cent of the hay and pasture land was rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 62% last week.

Grasshoppers continued to damage crops in the North Battleford area. Migrating geese and ducks were damaging crops in the RM of 622.

Farmers are baling straw and hauling bales.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 20, 2008

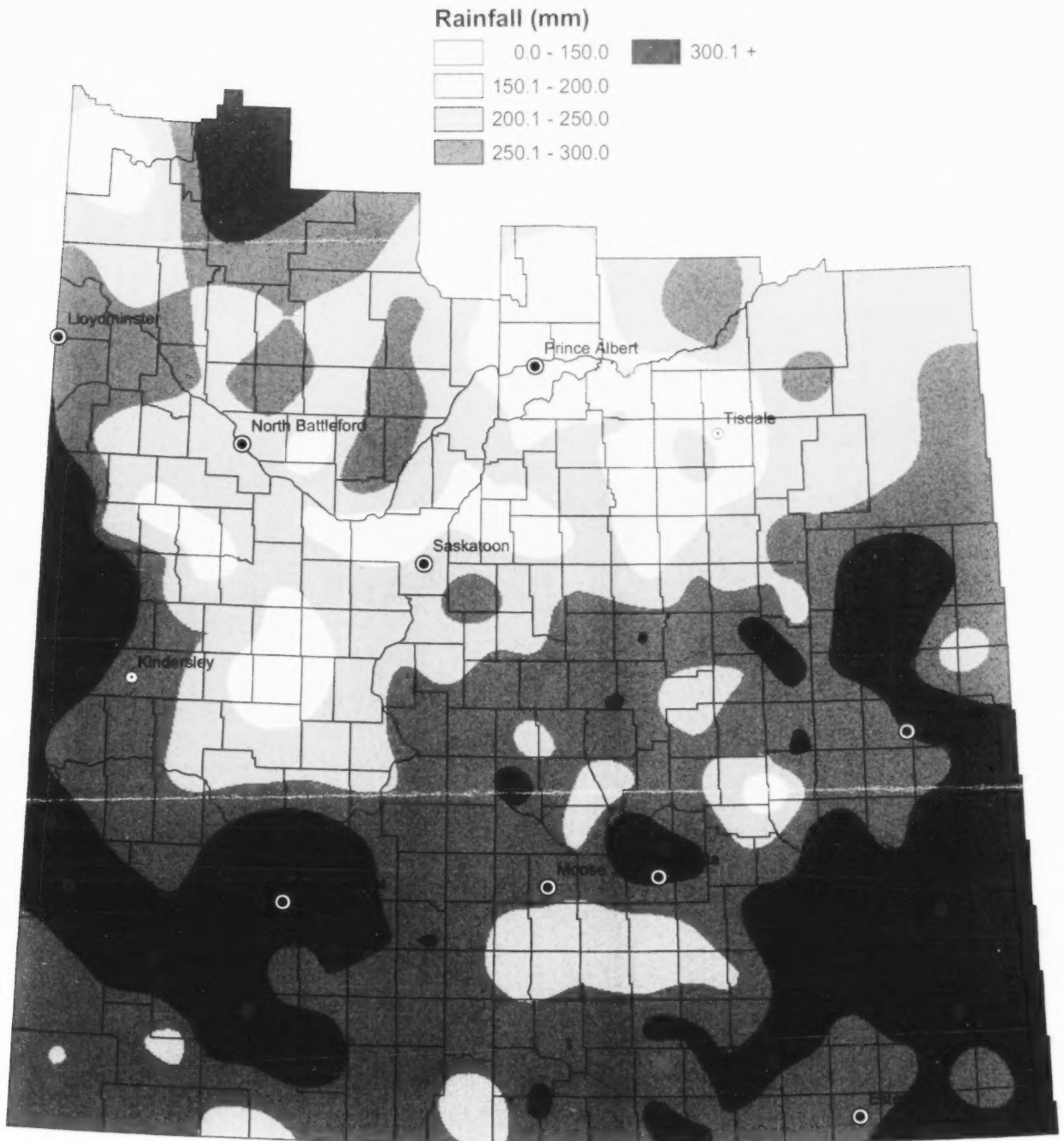
Crop Municipality				Crop Municipality				Crop Municipality			
Dist. No. Name				Dist. No. Name				Dist. No. Name			
		Past Week	Since April 1			Past Week	Since April 1			Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1 Argyle	NIL	315	107 Lac Pelletier	N/A	269*		344 Corman Park	NIL	151	
	2 Mount Pleasant	NIL	318	108 Bone Creek	NIL	426		345 Vanscoy	NIL	217	
	3 Enniskillen	NIL	344	138 Webb	NIL	366		346 Perdue	NIL	236	
33A	Moose Creek	N/A	276*	165 Morse	N/A	257*		376 A Eagle Creek	NIL	188	
33B	Moose Creek	NIL	321	166 Excelsior	NIL	352		376 B Eagle Creek	NIL	188	
34	Browning	N/A	265*	167 Sask. Landing	NIL	373		403 Rosthern	NIL	201	
61	Antler	N/A	220*	168 Riverside	NIL	387		7A 259 Snipe Lake	NIL	238	
64	Brock	NIL	302	226 Victory	NIL	232		287 St. Andrews	NIL	173	
65	Tecumseh	NIL	285	228 A Lacadena	NIL	238		288 Pleasant Valley	NIL	191	
1B	91 Maryfield	NIL	376	228 B Lacadena	N/A	236*		292 Milton	NIL	322	
	92 Walpole	N/A	326*	255 Coteau	N/A	178*		317 A Marriott	N/A	188*	
	93 Wawken	NIL	335	4A 49 White Valley	NIL	271		317 B Marriott	NIL	169	
	94 Hazelwood	N/A	376*	49 A White Valley	N/A	251*		318 A Mountain View	NIL	245	
	95 Golden West	NIL	332	51 Reno	1	249		318 B Mountain View	NIL	235	
	121 Moosomin	NIL	426	79 Arlington	NIL	274		320 Oakdale	NIL	289	
	122 Martin	NIL	411	109 Carmichael	NIL	337		321 Prairiedale	NIL	318	
	123 Silverwood	NIL	301	110 Plapot	NIL	336		7B 347 A Biggar	NIL	248	
	124 Kingsley	NIL	389	111 A Maple Creek	NIL	293		347 B Biggar	N/A	192*	
	125 Chester	NIL	320	111 B Maple Creek	N/A	330*		350 A Mariposa	NIL	240	
	151 A Rocanville	N/A	277*	4B 139 Gull Lake	NIL	316		350 B Mariposa	NIL	224	
	151 B Rocanville	TR	340	141 Big Stick	NIL	326		351 Progress	NIL	381	
	153 Willowdale	NIL	320	142 Enterprise	NIL	311		352 Heart's Hill	NIL	379	
	154 Elcapo	NIL	416	169 Pittville	N/A	293*		377 Glenside	NIL	219	
	155 Wolseley	1	324	231 Happyland	NIL	275		378 A Rosemount	NIL	215	
2A	36 Cymri	NIL	276	232 Deer Forks	NIL	331		378 B Rosemount	NIL	234	
	66 Griffin	NIL	322	5A 183 Fertile Belt	NIL	360		379 Reford	NIL	169	
	67 Weyburn	NIL	305	184 Grayson	NIL	294		380 Tramping Lake	NIL	183	
	68 Brokenshell	NIL	274	185 Meleod	NIL	330		381 Grass Lake	NIL	253	
	69 Norton	N/A	318*	186 Abernethy	NIL	293		382 Eye Hill	NIL	367	
	96 Fillmore	NIL	350	211 Churchbridge	2	337		409 Buffalo	NIL	237	
	97 Wellington	NIL	257	213 Saltcoats	TR	287		410 Round Valley	NIL	208	
	99 Caledonia	NIL	258	216 A Tullymet	NIL	289		411 Senlac	NIL	354	
2B	126 Montmartre	NIL	374	216 B Tullymet	NIL	172		8A 395 Porcupine	NIL	209	
	127 Francis	NIL	328	241 Calder	NIL	314		397 Barrier Valley	NIL	191	
	129 Bratt's Lake	NIL	215	243 Wallace	NIL	347		398 Pleasantdale	1	183	
	131 Baildon	NIL	234	245 A Garry	1	263		428 Star City	NIL	217	
	156 A Indian Head	NIL	286	245 B Garry	TR	296		456 Arborfield	NIL	260	
	157 South Qu'Appelle	NIL	265	246 Ituna Bon Accord	TR	260		457 Connaught	NIL	140	
	158 Edenwold	1	314	247 Kellross	NIL	284		458 Willow Creek	NIL	155	
	160 Pense	NIL	258	248 Touchwood	NIL	243		486 Moose Range	NIL	225	
	161 Moose Jaw	NIL	254	5B 271 Cote	NIL	268		487 Nipawin	NIL	236	
	191 Marquis	NIL	284	273 Sliding Hills	NIL	228		8B 369 St. Peter	NIL	155	
3ASE	9 Surprise Valley	NIL	306	275 Insinger	N/A	254*		370 Humboldt	NIL	214	
	38 A Laurier	NIL	346	276 Foam Lake	NIL	333		371 Bayne	NIL	172	
	38 B Laurier	NIL	275	277 Emerald	NIL	264		372 Grant	NIL	187	
	39 A The Gap	NIL	294	304 Buchanan	N/A	396*		373 Aberdeen	N/A	22*	
	39 B The Gap	NIL	263	307 Elfros	NIL	330		400 Three Lakes	NIL	242	
3ASW	10 Happy Valley	NIL	262	308 Big Quill	N/A	140*		402 Fish Creek	NIL	198	
	12 Poplar Valley	N/A	301*	333 Clayton	N/A	281*		429 A Flett's Springs	N/A	136*	
	40 Bengough	NIL	288	335 Hazel Dell	N/A	327*		429 B Flett's Springs	NIL	211	
	42 Willow Bunch	N/A	256*	336 Sasman	NIL	249		431 St. Louis	NIL	195	
	43 A Old Post	NIL	243	337 Lakeview	NIL	227		459 Kinistino	NIL	197	
	43 B Old Post	NIL	208	338 Lakeside	NIL	255		9AE 488 Torch River	NIL	269	
	44 Waverley	NIL	269	366 Kelvington	TR	268		520 Paddockwood	NIL	170	
	70 Key West	N/A	275*	367 B Ponass Lake	N/A	150*		9AW 405 Great Bend	N/A	115*	
	71 A Excel	NIL	276	6A 189 Lumsden	NIL	369		406 Mayfield	NIL	215	
	71 B Excel	NIL	287	190 A Dufferin	NIL	247		435 Redberry	NIL	290	
	71 C Excel	NIL	303	190 B Dufferin	NIL	236		436 Douglas	NIL	165	
	72 Lake of the Rivers	NIL	241	190 C Dufferin	NIL	287		463 Duck Lake	NIL	222	
	73 A Stonehenge	NIL	263	219 B Longlaketon	1	263		464 Leask	NIL	257	
	73 B Stonehenge	NIL	297	219 C Longlaketon	NIL	270		466 Meeting Lake	NIL	227	
	74 Wood River	NIL	54	220 McKillop	2	228		467 Round Hill	NIL	260	
3AN	101 Terrell	NIL	239	221 Sarnia	3	278		493 Shellbrook	NIL	185	
	102 Lake Johnston	NIL	211	222 Craik	2	299		494 Canwood	N/A	249*	
	103 Sutton	NIL	270	251 Big Arm	NIL	285		496 Spiritwood	NIL	242	
	132 Hillsborough	NIL	245	252 Arm River	NIL	218		497 Medstead	N/A	266*	
	134 Shamrock	NIL	300	279 A Mount Hope	NIL	302		555 Big River	N/A	218*	
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	193 Eyebrow	NIL	264	280 Wreford	NIL	280		440 Hillsdale	NIL	246	
	194 Enfield	NIL	257	282 Mccraney	NIL	296		442 Manitou Lake	NIL	285	
3BS	17 A Val Marie	NIL	353	309 Prairie Rose	NIL	301		498 A Parkdale	NIL	229	
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	105 Glenbain	NIL	280	286 Mildren	NIL	204		588 D Meadow Lake	NIL	346	
	106 Whiska Creek	NIL	298	314 Dundurn	NIL	234		622 Beaver River	NIL	163	

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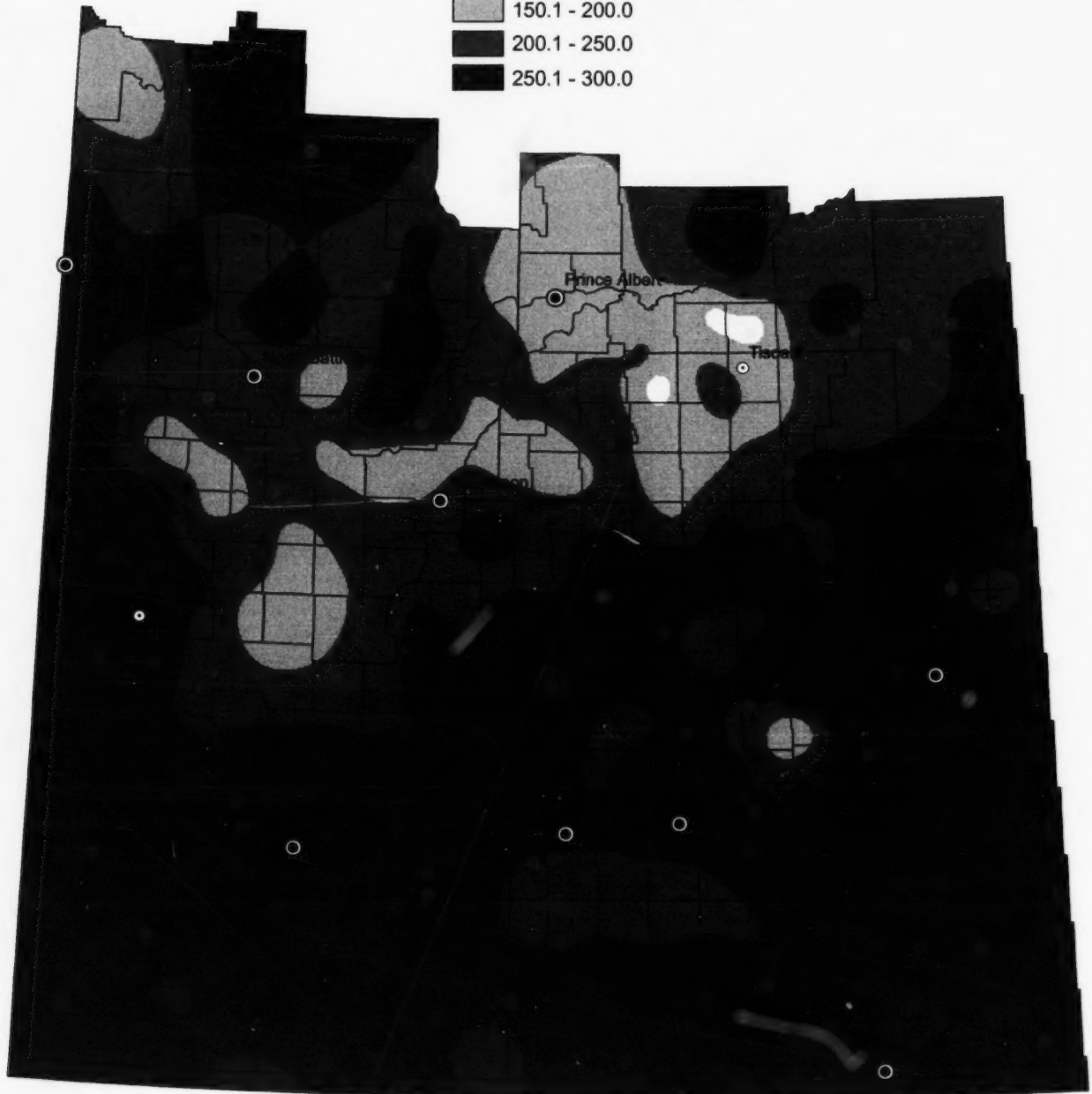
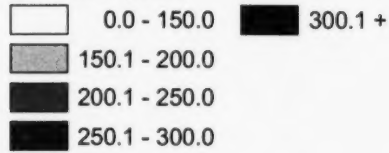
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Rainfall (mm)



Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities

